ACT
AGAINST UNLICENSED
CHAPLAINS, PEDAGOGUES, &c.

Edinburgh the 12. day of July 1664.

FOrasmuch as it is statute and ordained by the fourth Act of the second Session of our Soveraign Lord's first Parliament, That none be permitted thereafter to preach in publick, or in families, or teath any publick School, or to be Pedagogue to the children of Persons of Quality, without Licence of the Ordinary of the Diocess: And that notwithstanding of the said Act, diverse persons do still continue to preach and keep Schools, and instruct youth, as School-Masters or Pedagogues, without Licence from the Ordinary, as is provided by the said Act: And do thereby the more easily take occasion to instill into the hearts of the Subjects, principles of disloyalty and sedition, and of disaffection to the Government of Church and State, as the same is now by Law established. Therefore the Commission appointed by his Majesty for executing the Lawes in Church affairs, according to the power committed to them: And in prosecution of the foresaid Act of Parliament, and intent thereof, Doth hereby discharge all and what soever person or persons hereafter, to Preach, Lectur, or exhort publickly, or in families, or keep any publick or privat School, or instruct youth as School-Master, or Pedagogue, or ordinarly performe any exercises of Divine Worship in families, or from house to house, without Licence from the Ordinary of the Diocess, with certification to the contravieners they shall be proceeded against as seditious persons, and the punishment due to seditious persons, after due conviction of the crime inflicted upon them accordingly: And further, they do hereby discharge all and every of his Majesties Subjects, after publication hereof, to hear any such unlicensed person (he being known to be such) Preach, Lectur, or exhort publickly, or in families; as also to suffer any such Schools to be kept within their bounds, or to entertain any unlicensed person to instruct youth, as Pedagogue, or School-Master, or ordinarily perform exercises of Divine Worship within their familie, after the day of as they will be answerable upon their obedience to the Lawes of the Kingdome. And ordain these presents to be published at the Market Crosses of the head-Burghs of the respective Shyres within this Kingdome, that none pretend ignorance of the famine.

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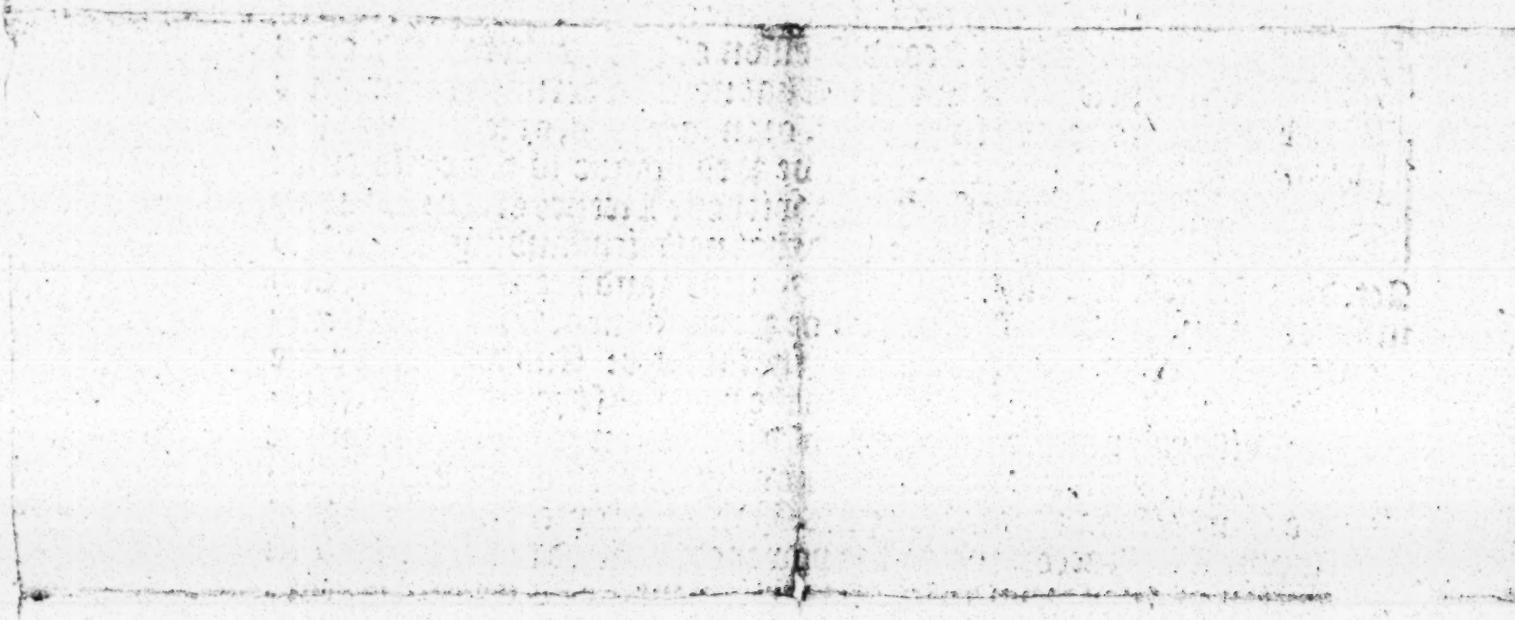
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